

"RESPONSE UNDER 37 CFR 1.116-EXPEDITED PROCEDURE EXAMINING GROUP <u>2638</u>"

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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT & TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN RE APPLICATION OF

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NETWORK SYSTEM THAT

PERFORMS SYSTEM

SWITCHING ONLY WHEN

TOTAL OPERATION

CONDITION IS IMPROVED

REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION

COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS ALEXANDRIA, VIRGINIA 22313

SIR:

In response to the Office Action dated January 26, 2006, please reconsider the aboveidentified application based on the following:

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 2 of this paper.